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LAC LA BICHE NEWS

LAC LA BICHE. — The Herald is pleased to print little notes of interest. We cannot keep tab of all of you, so if you spend the week-end out of town, go to the city entertain, have your relatives visit you, if you would like to see it in print, bring it in or send it in to your Local Editor. Aid your local paper in the latest events, as we are very pleased to see that you are enjoying yourself.

Only twelve more shopping days before Christmas.

Ted Mackriss and Art Griswold have just completed the decorating of the Imperial Bank which is opening here.

Mr. Chevigny had the misfortune to get his hand crushed in the bread molder and had to be taken to the hospital at Athabasca, for medical attention. It took four and a half hours to make the 87 miles over icy roads.

Mr. John Lackonick went on a business trip to Edmonton.

Pauline and Mary Lackonick went to Edmonton to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. L. Miller from Red Deer visited her father and friends.

The regular meeting of the W.I. will be held Dec. 21, with a special program by the Junior W.I. Everyone welcome.

Mr. Blacklock of Athabasca was here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fidele Lamarre recently went to Edmonton on a business trip.

Returns From Long Visit To U.S.A.

LAC LA BICHE.—Mrs. A. Lamarre of Brierville has returned home after an extensive visit to the United States, where she had not been for 37 years.

Leaving Lac la Biche last April 25, she first went to Gregon to visit her daughter, Mrs. Fred Roberts. Later she visited Fall River, Mass.; and Whescister, Atlebor-Mass.; and Whecister, Atleborough, New Bedford, Mass.; and Providence, R.I.

She then returned to Gregon for another visit with her daughter before returning to Canada. Before returning to Lac la Biche she spent two weeks with her two brothers in Edmonton. At Lac la Biche she was the house guest of Mrs. Wilfred Lamarre before returning home.

"It certainly was a lovely trip," commented Mrs. Lamarre.

FRAINS NEWS

FRAINS.—Mr. John Shyian and Bill Murek were in Edmonton by truck.

Mrs. Annie and Ronnie Sawchuk, also Fitina Marchak were in Edmonton to see the doctor.

Mr. Tony Sawchuk brought a John Deere tractor for Mr. Tyma of Twin Spruce by truck.

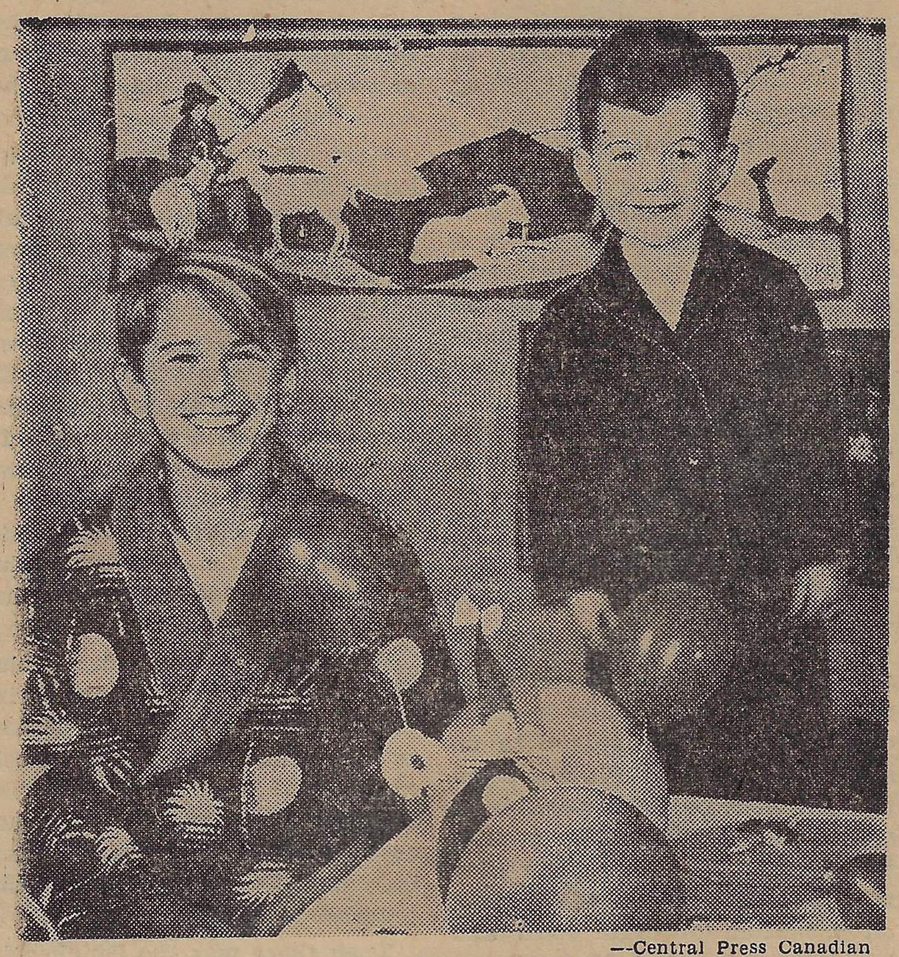
Mr. Nahrabinchyk and Mr. Lendgren were in Lac la Biche on business.

Tony and Alexander Sawchuk were hauling grain from Alex Gordon's place at Caslan.

Attend Spiritual Healing Service

BOYLE.—Several persons from Boyle and vicinity attended a Healing Service held in the Community hall, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Campbell, the chairman acted as spokesman and the healer commenced his healing words and actions.

CREDIT RECOVERY TO STREPTOMYCIN



—Central Press Canadian

Use of sterptomycin is credited with rpaid recovery made by three-year-old Eldon Hawton, right, a T.B. patient at Freeport Sanatorium near Kitchener, Ont. Eldon was given a party by other children prior to returning home recently. Before taking the drug, doctors say, Eldon was not showing satisfactory progress.

With the Bowlers . . .

Bowling Scores

Name	Pts.
R. Coutney	221
G. Byrkelo	203
L. Phillips	214
R. Schelton	102
E. Coutney	184
J. Lebeuf	181
V. Varze	180
G. Rosychuk	178
K. Salahub	176
W. Cairns	176
O. Michetti	175
J. Konawalchuk	173
R. Michetti	172
J. Markachuk	172
D. Beniuk	165
E. Lebeuf	164
R. Cherkas	161
J. Watson	161
W. Cadzow	161
G. Coutney	160
D. Lett	158
J. Kline	154
J. Moisey	154
L. Badry	154
M. Palmer	150
J. Bouvier	148
H. Senetza	143
G. Stedsman	143
E. Grant	143
S. Kelly	141
S. Namar	138
U. Plamondon	136
J. Onifrew	135
F. Wiemkem	135
F. Harman	123
S. Richard	119
J. Hayduk	117
J. Bourassa	109
E. Rominuk	101

TEAM STANDINGS

Name	Pts.
R. Mechetti	12
V. Varze	10
E. Coutney	10
G. Byrkelo	10
R. Coutney	8
J. Lebeuf	8
M. Maccagno	6
S. Richard	6
L. Phillips	6
W. Cadzow	4

Highest single score:
D. Beniuk 278

Men's Bowling Averages

November 21, 1949

Name	Pts.
R. Coutney	218
G. Berkylo	211
L. Phillips	202
R. Shelton	198
J. Lebeuf	198
E. Coutney	190
G. Rosachuk	187
R. Michetti	185
V. Varze	180
J. Konawalchuk	173
R. Cherkas	171
J. Watson	167
E. Lebeuf	165
D. Benuik	165
G. Coutney	162
Wm. Cadzow	161
O. Michetti	161
Wm. Cairns	158
M. Maccagno	156
J. Klein	156
J. Moisey	155
D. Lett	153
M. Palmer	152
Wm. Salahub	152
L. Badry	145
S. Kelly	144
J. Onifrew	144
H. Senetza	138
G. Steedsman	138
F. Wiemken	138
J. Bouvier	138
S. Hamar	133
J. Markachuk	133
F. Harman	132
E. Grant	132
S. Richard	119
J. Hayduc	117
U. Plamondon	115
E. Romanuik	104
J. Bourassa	103

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Pts.
Berkylo	10
E. Coutney	10
R. Michetti	8
R. Coutney	8
M. Maccagno	6
J. Lebeuf	6
V. Varze	6
L. Phillips	4
S. Richards	2
Wm. Cadzow	0

Wedding

HOMENIUK—KOLTOWSKI

SPRUCE VALLEY.—On Tuesday, Nov. 22, a beautiful wedding was solemnized in the United McDougall Church at Edmonton when Josephine, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Koltowski became the bride of Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Homeniuk.

Rev. Wesley Bainbridge officiated at the church ceremony.

The bride entered the church on her father's arm who gave her in marriage. She chose for her wedding a floor length gown of heavy white satin decorated with rhinestones and pearls and a floor length veil with rhinestones and pearls set crown. She carried a bouquet of red roses with green fern. The bride looked very beautiful by her father's side while entering the church.

Her bridesmaid of honor was Sophie Homeniuk, sister of the groom, looking very lovely in a floor length gown of green with matching gloves and wreath. Her second bridesmaid was Elsie Koltowski, ister of the bride, wearing a floor length gown of mauve with matching gloves and wreath. Her third bridesmaid was Victoria Homeniuk, cousing of the groom, wearing a floor length gown of yellow, also with matching gloves and wreath. The bridesmaids all carried bouquets of carnations and calonia with fern.

The groom's best man of honor was Karl Zilinski, his second best man was Nick Homeniuk and his third best man was Tony Zachkewich.

The bride and groom will make their home at the groom's farm in the Spruce Valley district.

Fur Farmers' Show News

LAC LA BICHE.—Mr. E. A. Jones (Trail's End Fur Farmer), Lac la Biche, Alta., took a trip last week with four of his pastel mink to the Edmonton Show. He took ribbons for each of his mink. It was a very good turnout at the show from all over Alberta and the best of mink were shown. There would have been space for other fur breeders of Lac la Biche for their good mink on the tables.

Mr. Jones is thanking Mr. Gorham for the cooperation at the show, also for the deal in mink.

Mr. Jones is purchasing mink from the Gorham's Fur Farm, Sub Post Office 24, Edmonton, in the near future.

Mr. Gorham took many first, second and third prizes, also championships in all classes at the show. Let us do better next year, fur breeders of Lac la Biche.

How about you, Mike? You have been missing.

Students' Union Notes

LAC LA BICHE. — The Students' Union Dance last Friday was a great success. We wish to thank the following for helping to make it so: Mr. Ross Michell, Mr. Johnny Michell, Mr. and Mrs. Zacaruk, and all who attended.

The students have started on their school paper. We expect to have our Christmas special out soon.

The students have decided to have a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 22.

BOYLE NEWS

BOYLE.—Mr. Vernachuck, recently from Smoky Lake, is to be the new agent of the elevator recently constructed here.

Mr. Kobeak is visiting his wife, who is employed by Mrs. Hutzal.

David Taife came home for the week-end with a friend.

Miss Lillian Ferchoff of Ellscott was visiting Mrs. Powell over the week-end.

Members of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church held a meeting on Sunday, Dec. 4.

Mrs. Armstrong of Jarvy is to take the place of Miss Astin in the high school.

Mr. August Moberg and his wife are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moberg and Gus Moberg.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Mikalonis visited Edmonton recently on business.

CASLAN NEWS

CASLAN.—Mr. R. Raitt came home from Edmonton last week after being there for medical attention.

Mrs. S. Cislo and George Waselenchuk went to Lac la Biche by car last Monday.

Mr. J. Stepaiuk of Grassland was visiting in Caslan. He was a former resident here.

A hilarious time was had at the Caslan dance Friday night. For a while it appeared as though Caslan was to be a battle ground for the Hylo vs. Boyle crowd. Due to good bouncers, trouble was averted. After the fracas was over the most important items missing appeared to be head gears belonging to some of the local citizens. Proceeds from the dance are for the children's Christmas tree.

Mr. Hall, the school inspector from Lac la Biche, was in Caslan on business Saturday.

Mr. John Sawka was home for a short visit and has returned to his work in Edmonton.

Mrs. E. W. Meyer and Edna are leaving for Edmonton on Thursday. Mrs. Meyer will receive medicall attention while there.

A.Y.P.A. Initiation Takes Place

BOYLE.—Sixteen members of the A.Y. last Thursday surprised the town with made-up faces and clothes slightly awry.

They visited the local pool room and sang Christmas songs, they played leap frog and did a square dance on the main street, they polished shoes of the members of the ladies' bridge club and completed their evening of foolishness by singing Christmas carols from house to house.

The hungry, boisterous members ended the evening with a lunch served in St. Paul's Church house.

Farewell Party Is Given

BOYLE.—A farewell party was held in the Warren High School on Friday, Dec. 2, in honor of Miss B. Astin, who taught in the high school from September of this year.

Because of unfortunate circumstances Miss Astin was forced to leave. The students showed their appreciation by presenting her with a bronze, engraved horse.

White Whale Grunts Wake Sleeping "Bird"

(This is the third in a series on the Northland written especially for Community Publications.)

By JACK BIRD

Two whales had been made fast to a cable and were being hauled tail first up a steep wooden ramp to a wide door in the second storey of the factory.

"Come inside," invited the manager, "and watch the whole process of cutting up the whale.

"Every part of the creature is utilized," he explained as we climbed the stairs to the second floor and stood by the flensing platform. Here stood a man in rubber boots and apron, armed with a pitchfork-size handle that had a sharp halfmoon-shaped blade at the end.

With this instrument he cut under the blubber and loosened it, while a rope that was hooked to the blubber near the shoulder, and made fast to the drum of a winch, slowly peeled off the whole length of the whale.

It took two or three strips like this to completely denude the whale of all its blubber, which was cut up in chunks, while another man, armed with an iron hook, would throw the stuff down a manhole in the blood-slippery floor. The hole led to a big vat in which the blubber was rendered down to whale oil.

"But what do you do with the rest of the creature?" I wanted to know.

"We grind it up, as you'll see in a minute, and it becomes food for the fox and mink farms. 'Moby Dick' fox and mink food we call it."

The chocolate colored liver, I noticed, did not go through the grinders, but was put whole in separate cartons. This, I was told, was the fur farm food for the mother during the breeding season.

When we left the factory, Old Jim and I returned to the beach, and I pointed out to him the place where I had, three years before, made my first camp on the shores of the Churchill river.

I told him about being awakened early the first morning by a series of deep-throated sighs and grunts, and had sat up in my sleeping bag to look out over the river at 12 or 15 white whales disporting themselves.

Because they must come to the surface to breathe they were the author of the sounds that had awakened me. All you see is a rounded chunk of white head two or three feet long bob up and then go down and reappear somewhere else, with sometimes spray flying.

There are two Churchill rivers. The Little Churchill flows into the big Churchill, and the big flows into Hudson Bay. That makes the big Churchill, at its estuary, a tidal river. They have 12- to 14-foot tides there.

At Cape Merry, where the river and the ocean meet, the river is about a mile wide, while in front of the elevator it appears to be some two miles in width, and when the tide goes out it is possible, a mile and a half from the mouth, to walk out nearly a quarter of a mile toward the centre of the river on a bottom of clean hard and boulders, although half a mile or so farther south, the sand, as I found to me cost, is only a thin coating on a soft mud bottom.

But it is when the tide is out that the Indians set their fishing gear in a manner that is simplicity itself. They lay the net flat on the river floor with one end made fast to a rope to the shore. When the tide comes in it lifts the net by means of the wooden floats along its stop edge. Then when the tide goes out again the net automatically lays on the river bed and the owner collects his catch.

Old Jim and I walked down to the big modern dock that is in front of, and part of, the elevator. The schooner Fort Severn, and the Regina Polaris of Quebec were tied up.

We sat there on the stringer piece, and in the cool of the evening enjoyed the long, lingering sunset while we talked about some of the things we had seen and learned, and places we had visited in the north country.

I told Jim about my first visit to Churchill, which was in 1946, when ships from Britain were there loading grain that had been stored in the elevator since before the war. Two of the ships, I remembered, were the Essex Trader and the Hillcrest Park. The black-hulled Hudson Bay boat Nascopie had also been there, tied up to the south end of the wharf.

The following year, while I was up in Alaska, the Nascopie had gone down. She was a staunch little ship, launched in 1912, and had done her bit in two wars. In the First World War she had sunk a German submarine in the White Sea, and now, two years ago, after 35 years of faithful service, she, too, had gone down.

N.Z. Tobacco

The New Zealand Tobacco Board has been negotiating with the Government for the diversion of the Motueka River in order to bring a further one thousand acres of land under cultivation for tobacco. It is estimated the project would cost about £100 thousand—£75 thousand to be paid by the Government and £25 thousand by the Tobacco Board.

Confidentially

English Nobility Easy Persons To Interview

By JAY LLOYD

Members of the English nobility were among the easiest persons to interview, particularly if they were above the rank of viscount, or came from an old established noble line.

I recall one duke conversing learnedly about world affairs while he threw clothes into a suitcase in about as feeble an attempt at neat packing as I am capable of in my most hurried moments. Another who asked me if I were going downstairs after I had finished the interview and requested permission to accompany me. Indeed, they are a democratic crowd.

A number of them invited me to visit them if I ever came to England. I've often wondered what my reception would have been had I done so.

I have also often wondered what happened to many of them during the war, as well as such persons as Lieut.-Gen. Mitchell, who shocked a United Services Institute with his opinion that generals were just as expendable as the common soldier, and his low opinion of army practice generally.

Then there was the Dutch cabinet minister who told me it was impossible for Holland to be invaded the day before invasion occurred. When the news was broken to him just as he was boarding a train, he fainted and had to be carried back to the hotel.

What is happening to those many prominent Japanese these days? Particularly the Tokagawa family, the real rulers of Japan for centuries, and who were so friendly to Canada?

What has happened to the German and Italian consuls, both of whom I saw after we were officially enemies, and both of whom discussed impassionately the probable outcome of the war?

This could go on endlessly. But on thinking back, I wonder if Sir Gerald Campbell still remembers his embarrassement when Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh visited him and he didn't know whether he was supposed to look disapproving in his official position as British high commissioner or greet them as friends until Olivier revealed they were on their honeymoon?

Then there was the movie starlet who regularly wrote me from Hollywood, even for a time after she got married. I really thought it was friendship until the husband wrote thanking me, charmingly, for all the publicity I had given her. The correspondence ended abruptly.

Churchill was the second British prime minister who said goodbye to me by mistake when he was leaving Ottawa because I was talking to a Canadian cabinet minister at the time. Stanley Baldwin did the same thing. Neither would remember — but I do.

Has Happy Chandler forgotten that he promised to make me an honorary Kentucky colonel, Oh, well, I might as well be unusual.

When I met the governor of North Carolina I could not even mention the famous story about the governor of South Carolina, as it was not only during prohibition days in the U.S.A. but he was a rabid temperance advocate.

During the depression nearly everyone wanted to air their own particular economic theories. About the only persons as a class who didn't have some particular efficacious theory to contribute to human betterment were the economists.

If Sir Maynard Keynes (later Lord Keynes), Lord MacMillan, Sir Arthur Salter, etc., made any startling pronouncements in favor of economic panaceas I can't recall them. Lord Darling, I remember, was enthusiastic about remonetization of silver, but he may be excused on the grounds that he was a banker.

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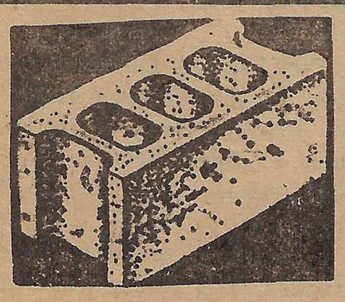
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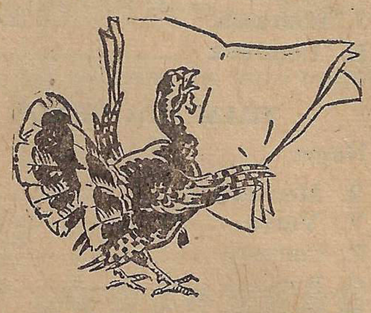
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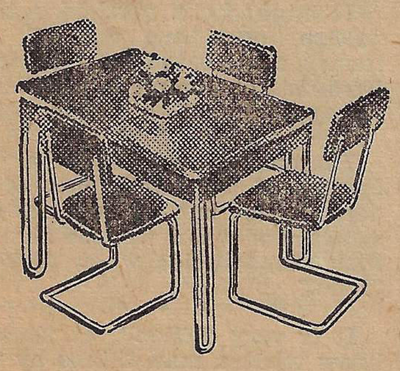

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TENTH PROVINCE PROVIDES ARMY UNIT

—Central Press Canadian

Three army units have been established in Newfoundland, authorities have announced. The 166th (Newfoundland) Field Artillery Regiment, which fought with the 1st British Army in North Africa and later with the 8th British army in Italy is one of the units to join Canada's reserve forces. In this photo a gun crew of the regiment is shown in action in Italy where they fought alongside members of the 1st and 5th Canadian divisions.

TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS

By RUTH WHALEY
District Home Economist

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without toys for the kiddies. Still, every year, there are hundreds of dollars spent on toys which the children use for only a week or two before they are broken.

Buying making toys throughout the year, instead of during the Christmas rush, makes it easier to make a wise choice. Look for well-made toys which really work and will stand hard usage. Experiment with the toys yourself. Do they work easily? Do pegs fit in holes? Get washable things with no sharp points, poisonous paint nor buttons that pull off.

It is not always the most expensive toys that children enjoy the most. Bright scraps of firmly woven print make jolly stuffed toys. Starch and iron the material for a crisp, perky calico cat or pup.

A doll's cradle to delight your young daughter can be created from a grape basket. Mount the basket on rockers, paint it a bright color, sew in a padded lining and your little girl will spend many happy hours rocking her doll to sleep.

What child doesn't love to play with blocks and plywood animals? Make them yourself, sand them smooth, then paint them in gay colors.

Cheap "toy" tools, such as hammers, scissors and garden tools are likely to be badly balanced, dull and easily broken. It may be better to buy a small size of well-made adult tools which work, and then teach the child how to use them properly.

Every young artist wants a box of crayons. Remember large crayons are easier for young children to handle. Crayons with too much wax produce a weak color, and soften quickly in a child's warm hands. Try painting the paper casing with a coat of shellac to stiffen them. This helps to prevent them from breaking. Keep cold cream jars on hand in which the young painter can mix his paints easily.

If your six-year-old is just learning to catch, get him a ball about six inches in diameter with a rough surface. It will be easiest for him with which to practice.

Choose toys carefully. You will enjoy them as much as the child.

U.K. Calf Subsidy

It is reported officially that the calf rearing subsidy will be extended in the United Kingdom to cover calves born up to September, 1951. The subsidy will be at the rate of £5 a head for males and £2 for females born after October 1, 1949 and before October 1, 1950. The calves must be certified as suitable for beef production or as dairy replacements. will be announced later.

The rates for subsidy therefter will ba announced later.

Cattle that are allowed to become thoroughly infested with lice will develop a dry starey coat, loss of hair resulting in exposed patches of skin and a general unthrifty appearance. Such a condition brings lowered milk production, retarded growth and costly maintenance. Early detection of lice and prompt treatment with sprays, dips or powders will prevent any ill effects to infested animals.

Importance Of Winter Lubrication

C. A. Cheshire, Extension Agricultural Engineer, Alberta Department of Agriculture, reminds us that the first requirement of engine lubrication in winter is oil light enough to flow at very low temperatures.

At the same time, the oil must have sufficient body, even at the high temperature found in a warm engine, to prevent it "breaking down." If the oil is too heavy it will not be forced through the channels during the warm-up period, and the engine, starving for lubrication, will wear readily. If the oil has not sufficient body at the higher temperatures, the oil film will not hold bearing surfaces apart, and again rapid wear will result.

Another problem of winter lubrication is the of sludge formation. This results from moisture condensation in the oil and is generally caused by "blow-by" during warm-up—a condition brought about by the breaking of the oil seal between the cylinder and piston, allowing a portion of the exhaust gases to enter the crank case. This sludge, under extreme conditions, may make up a large portion of the oil in the crank case, and hamper lubrication. It will be most noticeable in a motor that is started often, and run for only a short time at each starting. Under these conditions, it is wise to drain the crank case every two weeks, regardless of mileage. It is not necessary to throw this oil away—just let it settle, and syphon off the clear portion to be used again.

A point worth remembering is that the cylinder oil should always be drained when the engine is warm—otherwise all the sludge will not be removed.

Top lubrication assists during the winter warm-up periods. A pint of light oil is added to every 5 gallons of gasoline, and mixed well. This does not hinder starting but it does reduce wear.

Never idle a cold engine. If you do, both wear and sludge formation will be increased. Cover the radiator and close hood louvres to reduce the warm-up time. Replace the oil filter cartridge at each oil drain, and clean crank case breather inlet and outlet periodically.

Taking Care Of House Plants

Most people know that plants should not be crowded into pots too small for them, but neither should small plants be placed in too large pots. P. D. McCalla, Supervisor of Horticulture, Alberta Department of Agriculture, says that a much better root system will be developed if you suit the pot to the size of the plant.

When potting, leave one-half inch of space between the top of the soil and the rim of the pot for watering, and when planting be sure to press the soil firmly with the fingers. A test recommended by Mr. McCalla to find out if the plant is well potted is to pull a leaf from it. If the plant is not dislodged under this treatment you can be satisfied that the planting has been done correctly.

Old pots should be thoroughly cleaned before using. New pots should be soaked and allowed to absorb all the moisture they will, but let them dry to some extent before the actual planting operation. A saucer should be provided for each pot, and if the saucer contains small pebbles, coarse sand or sphagnum moss, the excess moistre will seep from the pot instead of lying about the roots of the plant. As the water evaporates, it helps to create the moist atmosphere that most plants need. A good soil for potted plants can be made up of half good garden loam, quarter well rotted leaf mold or fine humus, and quarter sand.

House plants may be kept blooming for weeks if faded flowers, seed pods and dead leaves are removed, and the plants are not placed in too sunny a position. All indoor plants require additional food during their active growing and flowering season. At three or four week intervals they should receive liquid food which can be made from a commercial fertilizer purchased in dry form and made up according to directions.

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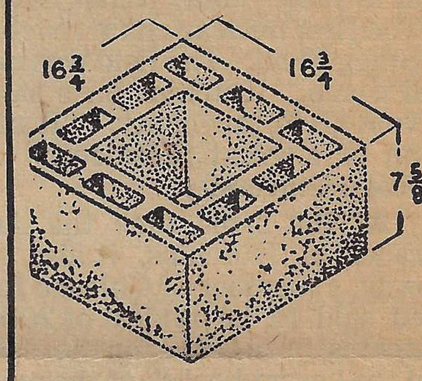

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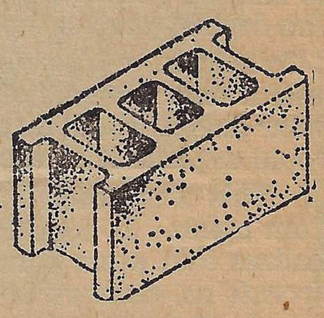

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CONSIDER SQUIRRELS AND BE WISE

Variant theme of anti-Communist diatribes these days appears to be attacks on "the welfare state."

The Calgary Albertan, after remarking that the busy squirrel stored up nuts for the winter, pointed out that the animal did not live in a welfare state.

Neither does man live in a "free" state. What would occur if he went out and gathered his food like the squirrel and did not pay for it? The squirrel has no landlord asking him for rent of his hole in a hollow tree. And so on.

The analogy is ridiculous. People are entitled to their point-of-view, and either a competent exposition of their own opinion, or penetrating criticism of the position of those who differ, may help to clarify our own thinking in these days of conflicting ideologies which may have important bearing on the fate of all of us; but skim-milk comment like that about the squirrel, for the simple sake of having something critical to say, does not help, and is becoming far too common.

The best reply to it is the commodity the squirrel was gathering.

SECRET OF A-BOMB DEFENCE

It hardly seems possible that the "boy wonder" president of Chicago University, Robert Maynard Hutchins, has now been in the position for 20 years. He was 30 years of age when he took over in 1929. Many things have occurred in the world since.

The first nuclear chain reaction took place in the west stands of Stagg Field. The field was named after a great Chicago football coach. Hutchins once said that there were two ways to have a great university. "It must have either a great football team or a great president." Football has disappeared from Chicago University.

At the same time the American press was marking two decades of Hutchins, it also paid tribute to Philosopher John Dewey, a member of Chicago faculty. Dewey's pragmatism has been said to be typical of 20th century philosophy. Whether Hutchins' preference for the classics, for ideas rather than facts, and the "great books" of the world, is the proper way to prepare youth for the atomic age is a matter of dispute. It is even open to question whether Dewey would fully approve.

But some indication of what that atomic age may involve in the way of problems was given by Hutchins' real boss on the atomic energy research which led to the A-bomb. Vannevar Bush was head of all atom projects as director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

He has written a book ("Modern Arms and Free Men") in which he tries to answer the question: Could civilization survive an atom bomb war? Mr. Bush says such a war would not be as disastrous as the pessimists predict nor yet as easy as some of the optimists would like to believe.

"A new great war would not end the progress of civilization," he says, "even in the days of the riven atom, even with the threat of disease marshalled for conquest. It is even possible that defences may become tightened, not made absolute, but competent to halt the full flood of death from the air. As science goes forward, it distributes its uses both to those who destroy and to those who preserve."

Coincident with publication of Mr. Bush's book, the successful development of air-to-air rockets was announced. A radar device would direct it to the enemy and a proximity fuse would explode it at the proper lethal distance.

This was proclaimed as a defensive measure against the atom bomb. It does have this hopeful note at first until one realizes that atom bombs probably will not have to depend on aircraft as carriers but may be sent to fantastically distant targets at supersonic speed by rockets. If it is not now practical, scientists would certainly find a way to make it so during another war.

Talk of the relative destruction, even estimation of de-defence against the bomb seems to us to be academic. All war is horrible. The next one, at least everyone apparently agrees, will be infinitely worse than any in the past.

Neither Hutchins' classicism, Bush's scientific peek at the future, nor Dewey's design for living provide consolation in the atomic age. Another scientist who worked on the atom bomb, it seems to us, hit the nail on the head. J. Robert Oppenheimer, director of the Los Alamos atom bomb plant when the first A-bomb in history exploded in the New Mexican desert, was asked by an interviewer if there was any defence against the bomb.

"Certainly," he replied. He let a moment elapse before pronouncing the one word solution: "Peace".

Every accident prevented increases the national economy.

It takes a lot of patience to improve the human race and it also takes a lot of time.

The man who kills himself at his work is as foolish as the man who never works.

Wide World Gleams

By L. H. J.

Anyone who wears out the seat of his pants before his shoes is making too many contacts in the wrong places.—CWNA "Bulletin".

Failure to put his sole into it may be the seat of the trouble.

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Builders of soap boxes in Britain are looking forward to the forthcoming elections.

—Lethbridge Herald.

What about the makers of soft soap?

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The best material for a new dress is a husband's story when he comes home late at night.

—Beverly Gray.

Particularly if he tries to skirt the issue.

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There's a narrow margin between keeping your chin up and sticking oyur neck out.

—Calgary Herald.

Not if you remember your head is on top—and keep it there.

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We know the reason it is called "cold" cash. We never have it long enough for it to warm up.

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Women are said to control 80 per cent of our wealth. Presumably the other 20 per cent is owned by bachelors.

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"And now it is time to check up on the snow shovel!"—Edmonton Journal.

You may expect a call any day now, neighbor.

Man Bites Dogs!

Chester Salvatore, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, remarked to his friends that he could eat sixty hot dogs at one sitting. His skeptical friends told Salvatore that if he could eat sixty hot dogs they would pay for them. However, if Salvatore fell short of the required sixty, then he would have to pay for those he had eaten.

An ambulance stood by while Salvatore ate thirty-two hot dogs. The elapsed time was one hour and ten minutes. Unable to consume more, Salvatore got up and placed $6.40 on the counter.

"It was the bread that licked me," said Salvatore dismally as he walked away.

—C. G. R.

Modesty Not Violated

A Meriden, Connecticut, couple were divorced in 1937 after having been married for 25 years. A year later, they decided to remarry. They obtained a marriage license and resumed life as husband and wife without benefit of ceremony.

Appearing in Superior Court on a second divorce petition recently, the woman was told she had not been legally married a second time merely because a marriage certificate was issued.

"The parties," said the judge, "can be forgiven for their moral lapse because of their honest mistake and the certainty that their association has left no lasting scars of permanent regret. Having previously been married to each other it is probable that no modesty was violated."

—Sando Bologna.

McMurray Wants a Way Out

For those who don't know — when you visit McMurray and Waterways there are just two directions. One is in—the other is out.

Residents of the twin villages, which are now one town, can buy a car or truck, but like an islander in mid-Paciifc, they've no place to go. At least there are lots of places they'd like to go, but no way to get there. They want a way out — a highway, in other words.

NO REPRESENTATIVE

The way things are now, it looks as though McMurray has no representation in the Provincial Government owing to the provision for a separate constituency after the next election. Lowry O'Coffey, Chamber of Commerce executive, travelled to Lac la Biche to see Social Credit members of Beaver River and Athabasca.

T. W. Pue

It seems that though Mr. Lobay is now M.L.A. for the district, as it will be when the new constituency is formed, he isn't now. On the other hand, Gordon Lee is member for the old constituency of Athabasca but won't be running for election next time and feels the responsibility for getting a highway through to McMurray is not and will not be his.

McMurray and Waterways people are, therefore, left without representation and talk loudly of getting someone from their town into the legislature next time. They figure that's the only way their demands for a highway will be met.

And they may be right.

HIGHWAY PARTLY BUILT

With possibilities for one of the most beautiful stretches of road in Alberta—along the river from Wandering River via Pelican Rapids is already partly built. A rough winter road has been put in by the Bear Oil Company. Now the McMurray Chamber of Commerce want the Provincial Government to complete the work and hook up the community with the "outside" via Wandering River.

SMALL POPULATION

Undoubtedly the objection of the government to putting the highway through there (although they don't tell anybody) is because of the lack of population. L. Burrill, manager of the salt plant and president of the Chamber of Commerce, claims there would be good stretches of farm land opened up to agriculture if the highway were built, and more population would come in to be served.

Just the same, McMurray may wait a long time. There are over 50 government members in the legislature, each with his own communities' needs to satisfy first with spending of government funds. And an area without representation isn't likely to get much attention.

AERIAL SURVEY

One good thing the government plans on doing is to complete aerial surveys of the district. When this is done it will be easy to see where the best prospcts for agriculture are and where the best route will be for a highway. That should come first.

Then, it is also certain that McMurray won't let the grass grow under their feet in getting representation in the next elction.

Scriptural Meditations By Ainsley Blair

"When Christ took human nature upon Him, he bound humanity to Himself by a tie of love that can never be broken by any power save the choice of man himself. Satan will constantly present allurements to induce us to break this tie—to choose to separate ourselves from Christ.

"Here is where we need to watch, to strive, to pray, that nothing may entice us to choose another master; for we are always free to do this. But let us keep our eyes fixed upon Christ, and He will preserve us.

"Looking unto Jesus, we are safe. Nothing can pluck us out of His hand. In constantly beholding Him, we 'are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.'" 2 Cor. 3:19.

—"Steps to Christ."

"Diplomas" for Wives

A novel idea, but one which should be widely approved, will give to the wives of 178 married seniors at Lehigh University, certificates of recognition at the commencement exercises of that institution.

John A. Nere, a senior, who served in World War II, and is the father of a six-week-old daughter, expressed the idea that his wife, Anne, and other veterans' wives, should be honored for assisting their husbands in completing their educations.

Accordingly, at the commencement of the university, scheduled for June 20th, the wives will receive certificates, expressing gratitude to them as loyal wives, who "with devotion and understanding. encouraged" their husbands "in the successful completion" of the college course.

We think this recognition is well deserved. The general comment from many educators is that the veterans have made excellent students, giving serious attention to their work and this would have been impossible without the co-operation, encouragement and sacrifice of their wives.

Notes and Comment

Maybe, after all, the so-called backward nations, with a majority vote, will tell the advanced nations what they can do.

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The trouble with the new weapons against the bugs that afflict mankind is that the bugs seem to be unconvinced.

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Financiers who find the national debt a great barrier to governmental spending do not think it should interfere with tax reduction.

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A reading of magazines articles about various individuals, indicates that the radio-technique is affecting the authors of the blurbs.

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The average business man stays out of politics, because of the fear that business might be lost, and then grumbles about what the politicians are doing.

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It might be a good idea to establish, once and for all, that money contributed to a campaign fund, is not complete justification for appointment to high position.

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Personally, we have a high opinion of the intelligence of modern girls but it wavers a bit sometimes when we see the men they stand beside when they say, "I do."

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It is very difficult, at times, to know what a man thinks by what he says.

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Money may not explain everything but it makes clear the motives of many people.

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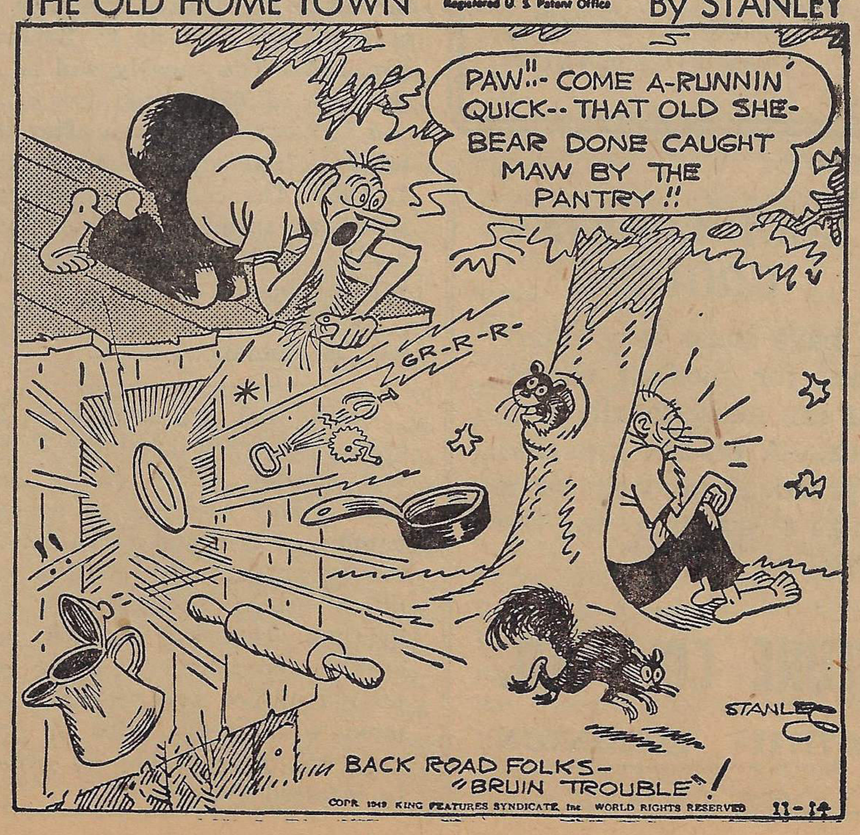
Speeding on the highways may be the quickest way to shuffle off this mortal coil.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GRASSLAND NEWS

GRASSLAND. — Mr. and Mrs. John Davidiuk have been visiting their daughter and her husband at Speddon, where they have been looking into a hotel proposition.

Mr. Fedoriw reports that he recovered his lost team of horses through a classified advertisement in the Lac la Biche Herald.

Irene Johnson is absent from school these days. The reason—an appendix operation.

Walter Corse is back in the post office working under difficulties. He unfortunately broke his left wrist last week while cranking an obstreperous truck. With Mr. and Mrs. Corse away in sunny California, Leonard was sent for, to fit the gap.

The school hall was badly overcrowded for the picture show last week, the S.R.O. sign having to be hung up before the show started. However, more seating accommodation is promised for next film on Saturday, "My Pal Trigger."

Mr. Sam McKenzie has left for a trip to B.C.

Paul, Bill and Nick Luchka were all up for a visit last week. Nick was accompanied by his family.

Ladies' Community Club Formed

GRASSLAND. — Last Wednesday the ladies of Grassland district met at the Nurses' Home to form their own Community Club, the object being to help the men raise money to finish the community hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ben McKenzie and the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Lillian McKenzie; vice-president, Mrs. Nelson; secretary, Miss Thelda Wilson; treasurer, Mrs. Sadownik.

It was a decided to hold a stew supper at a future date and to serve lunch after the picture shows. A turkey raffle also is in the offing. More members are needed, and any ladies interested should get in touch with any of the officers of the club or come to the next meeting on Dec. 12, at 8:00 p.m.

HONG KONG — The Chinese-American Joint Commission on Rural Reconstruction has quit the mainland of China. Members of the mission have arrived here. Future operations will be confined to Formasa.

Help Wanted

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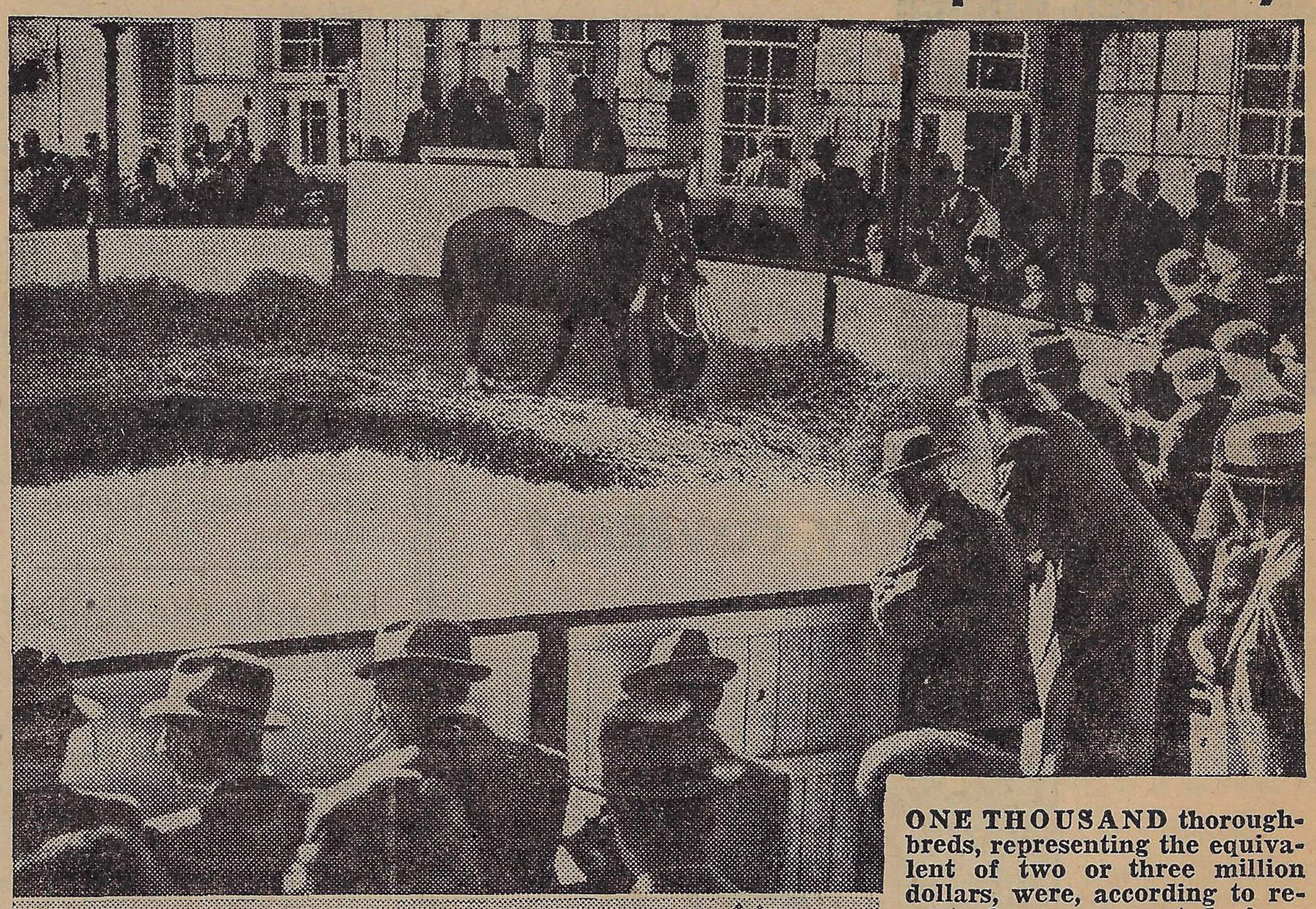

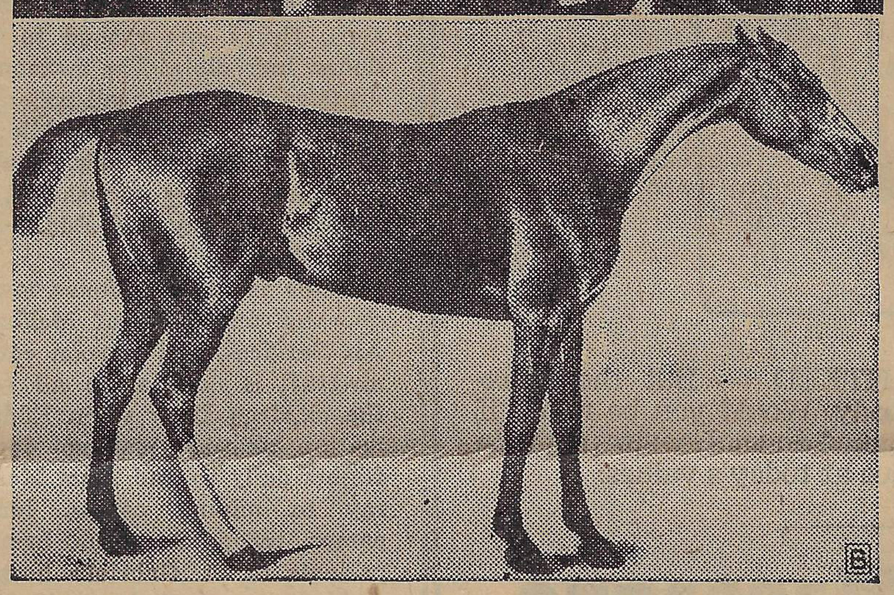

ONE THOUSAND thoroughbreds, representing the equivalent of two or three million dollars, were, according to recent figures, exported from Britain last year. The United States, whose great 1948 champion Citation was bred from a daughter of the British stallion Hyperion, was one of the principal importers. Pictured top are the Newmarket Sales in England, where sums as large as the horses' pedigrees change hands annually. In the ring is a yearling colt bought by Prince Aly Khan for the equivalent of $43,190. It will race in the colors of Aga Khan, the prince's father and a leading racehorse breeder and owner in Britain. Pictured left is Eclipse, immortal of English racing. Foaled in 1764, he won every race he ran and sired 344 winners. His blood is said to flow in almost all the racehorses in the world.

WANDERING RIVER NEWS

WANDERING RIVER. — Mrs. Mary Gawryletz has undergone a serious operation in the Royal Alexandra hospital. Mrs. Lillian Karpetz and Mr. Nick Gawryletz are with her. The patient is doing quite well.

Mr. Nick Osepchuk and Mr. Walter Pontek made a business trip to the city with Mr. N. T. Oshanyk.

Miss Mary Kostiuk is engaged as clerk at Mr. Budreau's at Atmore.

The following familiar faces were seen lately in the community: Mr. Alex Krawchuk, Mr. Wm. Kostiuk, now engaged by Horon & Haleschuk, contractors; Miss Annie Gorday and Miss Kathleen Lupul, home from the city.

Mr. Nick Strayski had visitors from Vilna.

The R.C.M.P. were seen lately in the vicinity.

The local schools are staffed by Mrs. Olga Zayonc, Sunview S.D. supervisor; Miss Joan Rogers, Amesbury S.D. supervisor; Mr. George Watamaniuk, Parent S.D. supervisor; Miss Olga Gawryletz, Lyle Lake S.D., teacher; Miss Helen Shapka, Wandering River S.D., supervisor.

We have seen Mr. Eli Rosichuk moving into the lumber camp and note new faces in the community—road construction employees.

Ah, at last Mother Nature has got busy late fall cleaning—sweeping out her cloudlets—thus insuring a white Christmas for all!

Visitors in the district over the week-end were mostly interested in hunting. Among them were Mr. John Nepiuk, Radway; Mr. Alex Zelinski, Boyle; Mr. E. Boudreau, Atmore.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rosichuk are back at camp at Wandering River.

Ah, 27 days till Christmas—kiddies be good! A Christmas cake is being raffled by Lyle Lake S.D. in aid of the Children's Fund.

Mr. Mickey Vernon won the grocery hamper raffled by the Anglican Church and Mr. Alex Trefenanko won the 'chicken roast raffled by Amesbury S.D. Recently Wm. Oshanyk won a Marconi radio. Fortunate,

A Breynat dance, attended by people from Egg Lake and Plamondon was held on Nov. 25.

We hear Mr. Philip Donecz has left us to go to Lethbridge. He has held various jobs since he came here a year ago with the Bridge Construction gang.

One of our local boys, Mr. John Kastiuk, is now an employee of Western Geophysical.

Mr. George La Blanche, Drumheller, is now visiting with his sisters, Mrs. L. Duperron, Mrs. R. Bosse and Mrs. A. Gaucher.

The greenbacks rustled as some of our citizens disobeyed regulations recently.

Mr. Sam Parenteau administered fresh coats of paint on the interiors of the Nurses' Home and the Breynat post office.

Miss Mary Gorday and Miss Amelia Duperron are back home. The former worked at Grand Hotel Coffee Shop, Edmonton, and the latter at the Lac la Biche Hotel.

Mr. Bill Gawryletz made a business trip to the city. Trapping is prosperous, eh?

Mr. S. Ponich motored to Lac la Biche. Mrs. S. Ponich and Mrs. Bo Pouich accompanied him.

PHILADELPHIA—Certain American trade unions are being made "front organizations for the promotion of the aims of a foreign power, Maurice Tobin, U.S.A. secretary of labor, charged in an address here.

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GRASSLAND ALBERTA

McMURRAY NEWS

McMURRAY. — Mr. T. Fraser of Waterways left on Wednesday's plane for Edmonton.

Mr. C. Sevanson of N.A.R. Telegraphs, Waterways, has left to relieve at Lac La Biche.

Miss Elizabeth Sandulac of "The Prairie" left on Friday's train for a week in Edmonton.

Miss Bella Auger of "The Prairie" has left to spend some time in Edmonton.

Mr. S. Kennedy, inspector for the Department of Municipal Affairs made his annual town inspection at McMurray last week.

Mr. A. H. Hallerson, who has had a lengthy stay in McMurray due to the delayed freeze-up left Wednesday for Fort Chipewyan where he is employed at the Hudson Bay Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saftner of Waterways are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Ed Hanson of McMurray has left to spend the winter months in Arizona.

Mr. L. K. Millar of McMurray has returned from a business trip outside.

Mrs. Frank Harris of McMurray has returned from spending a week in Edmonton.

Mr. E. Couture of Waterways has returned from a business trip to Edmonton.

Mr. Robert Short of the McMurray Airport is holidaying outside.

Friends of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. T. Greenwood of Yellowknife, formfermly of McMurray, will be pleased to hear they are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Mary Ellen.

Friends of Mr. O. Thiebert, manager of Haywards Lumber Co., Waterways, will be pleased to learn he is progressing favorably after being admitted to St. Gabriels hospital at McMurray a couple of week ago.

Mr. C. M. Tee of McMurray has returned from a business trip to Edmonton.

Skinny men, women gain 5, 10, 15 lbs.

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Wheels, the End of November

McMURRAY. — The people of McMurray heard a most familiar sound above the other noon. Many thought "That sounds like Eddie, but it cannot be." The sound came closer and zoomed over the house tops. Every one rushed to their doors. Incredible! The maroon aircraft so familiar to all was above and on wheels. Why Eddie was always on floats or skis. However the delayed freez up was just getting too lengthy and Eddie came in on wheels.

Eddie is Mr. E. Jones, owner, operator and pilot of McMurray Air Services. His maroon colored air-craft is familiar to all (even the children know when Eddie is in the skies), making several flights daily to and from McMurray to mining camps, lumber camps, trappers' cabins, bringing patients to St. Gabriel's hospital, making mercy flight and taking well patients back home as well as carrying freight.

I am sure Eddie is glad to be back though it had to be on wheels and I know the people of McMurray not only welcome him back but the sight and sound of the maroon air-craft is most welcome and as you go down the street and hear a familiar sound in the distance you will hear people say "Here comes Eddie."

Wedding

MOREMOTO-WATSARE

McMURRAY. — On Saturday, Dec. 3, Miss Mary Rose Watsare and Mr. Robert Moremoto were united in marriage. Miss Bertha Graham was bridesmaid and Mr. Mr. Laurie Loutitt best man. The bride and groom are making their home in McMurray.

Santa Claus in Waterways

McMURRAY. — The children of McMurray and Waterways will be thrilled to know on Saturday, Dec. 10, that Santa Claus is stopping this year on his way south. He will be at the Hudson's Bay Store on Saturday, Dec. 10, and hopes to see all the boys and girls and wants them to tell him what they want for Christmas.

New Imperial Warehouse

LEGAL. — Imperial Oil Co. is installing one of the most modern warehouses in Northern Alberta, storage of 7,000 gallons.

It Pays to Do Your Christmas Shopping Early!

EXETER NO. I.

Walking down an avenue to 101 street in the city of Edmonton on Thursday of last week, disgusted with the numerous and confusing changes from bus to street car and back again to bus, in order to reach the Smoky Lake Bus Depot from the Transit Hotel, I disembarked and struck a compass bearing straight for my destination. On the way I walked slambang into an old Lac la Biche acquaintance.

Being a "land lubber" unused to nautical terms or historical background naming, besides my acquaintance with the lady was previous to her disastrous splurge in publicity in which her name became a byword in the papers; I shall continue to remember her as she was, a thing of beauty, working peacefully and contentedly in the natural elements to which her birthplace is so richly endowed, with no foolish yearnings for the bright lights of a city.

The last time I saw the lady was from the high banks of Lac la Biche lakeshore, where I stood and watched her gracefully swimming against the gentle southeast wind. Admiring her trim lines, enviously desiring a closer acquantance. The dark green waters lazily lapped the grey stones on the lakeshore.

Removing my cap to better clear mental processes, imagination placed her as a colorful link in the picturesque past when voyageurs' canoes first touched the banks of these very shores 192 years ago.

Incongruously situated on a broken down rubber carrier on a narrow front lawn, a drab brick background, with her underparts shamelessly exposed to any idle street gazer's view. Hatches padlocked, her masts dismantled and one lying flat on her deck, rudder and propeller coated with city grime, a truly pitiable sight. Yet she stood straight and erect on her keel and alas brazenly facing glittering 101 street lights, in wanton abandonment to the allures of city life. There perched that dame, so-called Exeter No. 1, Father McGrain's training ship.

LEGAL NEWS

LEGAL. — Mr. and Mrs. Merkosky of Legal were the proud parents of a 9½ lb. baby boy recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boisvert of Waterways have spent the weekend in Legal.

Excavating Process Started

LEGAL. — A new excavating process on Mr. F. Larose's lot is taking place. Mr. Wilfred Larose will move his house on this new site in the near future.

Social Evening Great Success

LEGAL. — A social evening sponsored by the Vimy Co-operative Association last Friday evening turned out to be very successful. All who attended enjoyed the dancing and entertainment including a few songs and a very lively jig by, guess who—? Local music was supplied.

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Smaller, Cheaper Cars in Offing

Motorists will get their first peek at many 1950 automobiles before the end of the year.

This is the official word from automobile manufacturers.

Nearly a dozen new models will be pushed ahead of their originally scheduled appearances with few changes in outward designs, but many innovations in engineering and driving controls, according to the officials.

But just because you can see them, does not mean that you can buy them—at least not right away, as delivery from six to eight weeks are expected as a result of the recent steel strikes in the U.S.

First in the parade of new models yet to come will be the new Fords, which are scheduled for public showing this week. Next will be the 1950 Pontiacs which are expected to be on display to the public early in December.

Following these in quick order will come the new Chevrolet, reportedly with a modern torque convertor transmission, and the Linclon and Mercury lines.

Chrysler may push its Plymouth, DeSoto and Chrysler cars into the public limelight before the end of the year and at least all of the 1950 General Motors lines will be ready for the big GM show to be held in New York in January.

Nash, Hudson and Kaiser-Fraser are included in the manufacturers intending to crash the 1950 car markets with lower priced models.

The new Nash will be lighter, with an entirely new body, smaller wheel-base, and an even more economically motor than its present 20 to 25 miles to the gallon.

Hudson will also feature economy of operation.

Kaiser-Frazer will be the last in the industry to come out with its new low-priced car.

The first new Chryslers will be merely "face lifts" in styling. The company will wait a bit longer, maybe into the summer of 1950, to put out its smaller Dodge and Plymouth at substantial price reductions. These cars are ready and waiting for production when the competitive market is ripe for them.

In other words, this business of reducing automobile rates is strictly one of watchful waiting and proper timing to beat the other fellow's time.

There is no need of reducing prices as long as the public demand for cars holds up at high prices. This demand is now virtually met. Hence the introduction of economy cars in 1950 to be followed by a string of others.

While automobile sales have been holding strong, this has been at the expense of rapidly dwindling orders in back log. The day of competitive business will be in full swing by spring. So the turn of the tide is in the offing, all of which means your used car value is going into something of a tailspin. It should hit the ground with a dull thud sometime before next summer.

One Every 36 Hours

LONDON.—A new school was brought into use every 36 hours in Britain during the three months from June to October last.

This has just been revealed by the Minister of Education, Mr. George Tomlinson. He said that during that time 60 new school departments had been provided ready for occupation.

This meant that places had been made for 36,500 pupils, representing a rate of about 400 a day.

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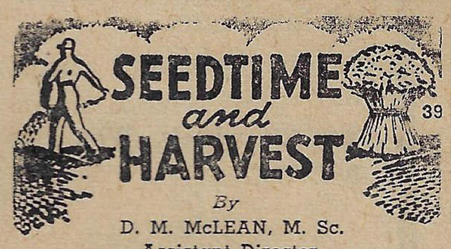

By D. M. McLEAN, M. Sc.
Assistant Director,
Line Elevators Farm Service,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Training for Citizenship

The Junior Farm Club program by conspicuous achievement, has attained a prominent position in Canadian agriculture. It has rendered a service to farm youth, and through them to the industry as a whole, that warrants recognition

Club work for rural youth is an important part of agricultural extension programs both in Canada and the United States. It is a voluntary educational movement designed to provide, through organized clubs, practical training in agriculture, homemaking and citizenship. It is not a substitute for formal educaion as provided in our schools, but rather an important supplement to it.

Objectives Achieved. By studying and demonstrating approved practices in agriculture and homemaking, club members have helped to raise the standard of farm production and to improve living conditions in the home. This in itself is quite an accomplishment but by no means the only measure of success. From the very beginning this youth program has sought to develop in the members, a greater appreciation of good citizenship.

By working with others, by gaining experience in the art of self expression, by learning parliamentary procedure, by holding office and serving on committees, club members are developing initiative, tolerance and understanding. These are experiences which prepare young people for greater service to the community.

Leadership Important. This program would not be possible without the devoted service of hundreds of voluntary adult leaders. These leaders have been the great driving force behind the success of the movement. With over a million farm youth of club age in Canada, and less than 50,000 enrolled in Clubs for the current year, there are still great opportunities for expansion and development.

Any organization which is developing in young people a greater appreciation of rural life and progressive agriculture, is performing a valuable function for the nation and deserves the support and goodwill of all.

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Injures Leg During Drilling Operations

GRASSLAND. — Mr. Maurice White, who has been working in the oil fields at Stettler, returned to Grassland last week, nursing an injured leg, which he sustained during drilling operations.

He was accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White who happened to be visiting him at the time. Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie was also a passenger in Maurice's car.

Kenneth is an old-time habitant at Grassland, having come here in 1926, although he has not lived here for some time. Maurice expects to be back on the job shortly.

PROSPERITY NEWS

PROSPERITY. — Mr. Nick Fedec of Ferintosh was visiting at Prosperity recently.

Mr. Nick Sheremeta is a proud owner of a brand new John Deere model D tractor. "Yes sir, John Deere has lots of power," says Nick.

Mr. Bill Duma is a proud owner of a new long and short wave radio. Bill is sure pleased with it.

Mr. N. A. Choddan is a proud owner of a 1918 Willys car. "Good car," he says.

The score of the Prosperity rugby teams was Roughnecks 48, Roughbacks 50. Had it not been for Charlie Strickers great error the Roughnecks would have won.

Mr. H. E. Sawchuk can now go for a pleasure ride in his 1949 Meteor car.

Mr. John Makar has gone to work in his lumber camp.

Prosperity has had some road gravelling done.

School Pals Renew Acquaintance

GRASSLAND. — A pleasant week-end was spent at the Flemings, Grassland, by Pauline Ilnicki of Blue Jay, visiting with her school pal, Doreen.

Mrs. Blackie and her two small children are also guests at the Fleming home. She is the charming wife of Bill Blackie, formerly of Deer Run. They were married when Bill was serving overseas with the Calgary Highlanders. Mrs. Blackie also saw service as ambulance driver with the R.A.F.

NEW YORK. — About 300,000 square feet of glass are being installed in the permanent secretariat building of the United Nations.

I.O.D.E. Meeting

McMURRAY. — The regular monthly meeting of the I.O.D.E. will be held at the home of Mrs H. Hill on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 8 o'clock in the evening.

St. John's Annual Meeting

McMURRAY. — St. John's Anglican Church W.A. will hold their annual meeting on Friday evening, Dec. 9 at 8:00 o'clock in the rectory.

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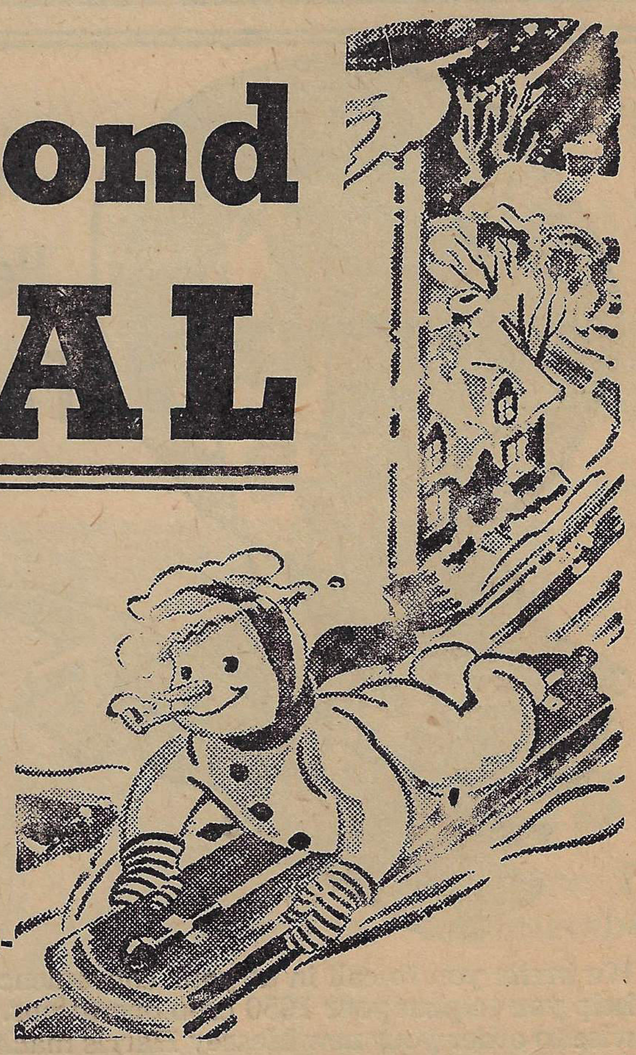

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World in Review

STOCKHOLM — Swedish newspapers are urging a purge of communists to eliminate fifth columnists in any future war.

BONN—West Germany's Government has assumed responsibility for foreign trade and payments negotiations.

WASHINGTON — Soviet trading agency, Amtorg, has registered its officers as foreign agents. Amtorg was under suspended sentence of a federal court on a $10,0000 fine for failure to go on record with the Justice Department as agents of a foreign power.

LAKE SUCCESS — Four Arab states and Israel have given guarantees of general protection of holy places in Jerusalem.

LONDON — Some Conservative Party members are asserting that thousands of foreigners are flocking to Britain to get free medical aid under the socialized medical plan. The Ministry of Health denies this is so. Aneurin Bevan, the minister, however, has instructed immigration officials to turn back foreigners who arrive for the sole purpose of getting benefits from the service.

BERLIN — Narchal Iavn Konev is to head an East German "peoples' army of 30 German Divisions, according to West German sources. Nucelus would be the "peoples' police," which presently numbers 100,000 members.

NORFOLK, Va. — Natural scientists who sent balloons 97,000 feet above the equator to get information on nuclear energy got excellent results. The experiments were conducted from an aircraft carrier in the vicinity of Guantanamo, Jamaica and Haiti. A dozen balloons filled with helium were used. On return to base here, scientists said vital information on cosmic rays was obtained.

NEW DELHI — The President of the Indian Constituent Assembly, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, has called a conference to evolve a vocabulary of legal, constitutional and administrative words which may be acceptable to all. The Departmental Heads of Tamil, Sanskrit and Malayalam in the University of Madras, and the Indian language experts from other universities, were invited to attend.

The Constituent Assembly passed a resolution authorizing the President to get a Hindi translation of the Constitution published before the 26th of January next year, and also to get it translated into other major languages of India and published as speedily as possible.

WASHINGTON—A judicial sub committee of Congress was told by an insurance executive that action will probably have to be taken to limit the size of insurance companies. "If they go along at the present rate of increase," said William Montgomery, president of Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company of Washington, "it is only a matter of time before they have all the investment income in the country."

LONDON.—Britain is to resume export of Welsh coal to the New England states.

MANILLA — The Philippines has been ordered by presidential decree to cut down imports by $200,000,000 through restriction of luxury and non-essential goods.

SOFIA — The Bulgarian News Agency has announced that Traicho Kostov, former deputy prime minister, will stand trial for allegedly trying to arrest and "physically annihilate" the former Prime Minister, George Mihailovitch. He is also accused of Titoist activities.

NEW DELHI — India's Education Minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has disclosed that the Indian Government had agreed to conscript University trained men and women to work their adult education and basic compulsory education schemes.

NEW DELHI — A Gallery of Central Asian Art and Paintings has been added to the National Meseum of India, opened at Government House, New Delhi.

. Hyderabad is shortly to have a new Centre of Scientific and Industrial research.

An exhibition of Indian Christian art has been shown in Bombay by Rt. Rev. Leo P. Kierkels, Vatican representative in India.

The staging of the Hindustani adaptation of Ibsen's problem play "Master Builder," by the Little Theatre Group marked the opening of the eight-day drama festival in Delhi.

THE HAGUE—Something new in export has been introduced by the Netherlands. Faced with a surplus of professors and intellectuals, Holland has formed an organization to find position abroad for university graduates.

NEW DELHI—An International Training Centre giving courses on census and statistical techniques has started functioning.

The Centre is being jointly sponsored by the United Nations Regional ECAFE Office, FAO and the Indian Government. One such centre was established last year in Mexico to cover Latin American countries. Two such centres are running in Paris and Cairo for the European and Middle Eastern countries respectively.

Spider Knew Where To Find Quiet Life

Many years ago, Mark Twain was editor of a small-town newspaper. A reader wrote in saying that he had found a spider in his paper, and wanted to know if that was an omen of good or bad luck. Mark Twain answered:

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—Farm and Labor Journal.

Only 13 rookies are performing in the National Hockey League this season. Last year there were 20. Boston Bruins lead the circuit in newcomers with four, the New York Rangers and Chicago Black Hawks, have three, Detroit Red Wings, two and the Montreal Canadiens, one. Stanley Cup holders, Toronto Maple Leafs boast all veterans.

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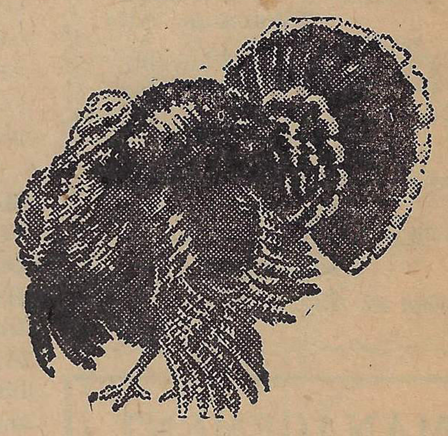

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29 Church officers
31 Month (Heb.)
32 Measures (Heb.)
34 Chinese measure
35 Full of spines
38 Around
41 Walk back and forth
42 The climbing fish
43 God of love
44 Opposed to credit
45. Lairs
46 Rub out

DOWN
1. Of a parent
2. Verbal
3. Infrequent
4. A clamp
5. Head covering
6. Poem by Longfellow
7. On the ocean
8. Spill over
9. Animal enclosures
12 Abrade
15 Male descendants
18. Sun god
20. Ancient
21. Humbleness
23. Possessed
24 Appraise
25. Deserves
27 Implore
30. Antimony (sym.)
33. More rational
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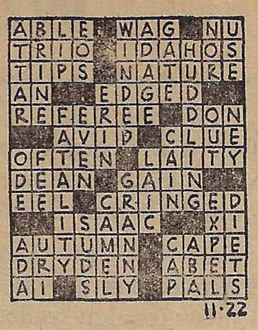
36. Peel
37 Sacred picture (Russ. Ch.)
39. Witch of thunder
40. Sashes (Jap.)
42. Any fruit drink



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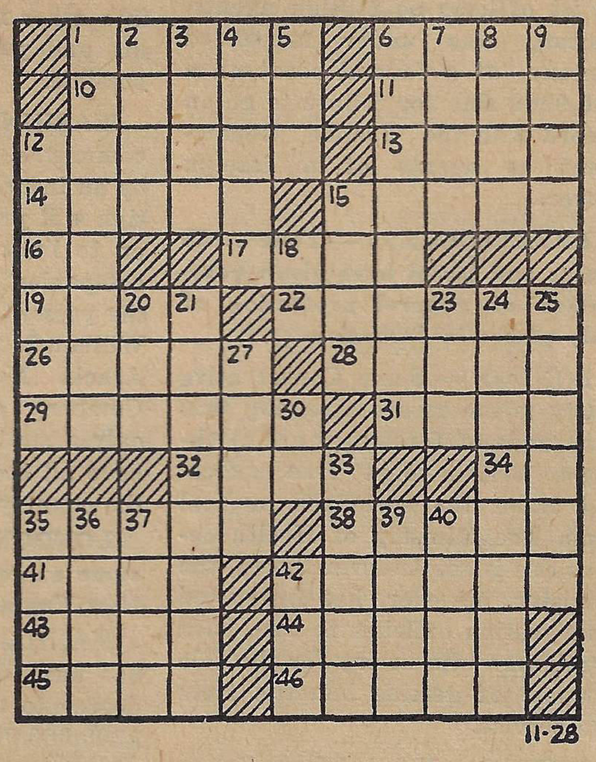
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How Did Your Town Get Its Place Name?

How did—and do—localities in Alberta get their names?

Well, in the past they came from many sources,, but today the responsibility of choice rests largely with the Geographic Board of Alberta.

The chief function of the board, established Feb. 6, 1946, is to deal with all questions relating to geographical names within the province.

Work includes such things as the simplification of names, choosing between various spellings of the same name and selecting new names. In addition, it is the board's object to compile the most extensive and accurate body of information possible on the place names of Alberta. The latter consists chiefly of obtaining and recording information on places already named and adding to this details concerning newly-named places.

Members of the board are: Morden H. Long, M.A., professor of history, University of Alberta; Duncan R. Innes, M.A.; John H. Holloway, director of surveys, Department of Public Works; and Mrs. Edith H. Gostick, provincial librarian. Prof. Long, chairman of the board, also is a member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. Mrs. Gostick is secretary of the board.

It would appear from this that the work of the board should be a fairly routine, or cut-and-dried, job. This is not the case. In the past a number of agencies have been active in determining place names within the province. Among these are the Canadian Board on Geographical Names, Post Office Department, railway and other companies, irrigation districts and even private individuals. Consequently a lack of co-ordination has led to a great deal of confusion which the board must do what it can to amend and, in future, prevent.

Close liaison with these other agencies, particlarly the Geographic Board of Canada, is essential and although the Alberta board has been in existence only a short time its members have been impressed with the present high degree of co-operation. It is hoped that as time passes, any obstacles which at present arise to hinder co-operation will be eliminated.

Just how the name of a long-established town in northern Alberta should or should not be spelled presented the board with what was probably its most controversial issue. Athabasca to the town council and the Government of Alberta was "Athabaska" to the Canadian Board an Geographical Names and the Northern Alberta Railway Company. Reasoning that the "k" spelling conformed with the general rules for orthography, the dominion body spelling it that way and the railway company backed them up. Recently full agreement was obtained from all concerned and the accepted official spelling now is Athabasca.

Alberta's history falls into five categories, the time of the explorers, the days of the whiskey traders, the golden age of the cattle barons, the era of farm development and the present period of wide industrial expansion. To each of these periods the province is indebted for a vast number of place names.

From the days of the intrepid explorers come such names as Palliser Range, Mount Brazeau and Mount Hector. To the early fur traders goes credit for Rocky Mountain House, Jasper and Edmonton. The memory of ranching days is preserved by Stavely, Cochrane, De Winton and Stimson. Acheson, Hanna, Kirkpatrick and Mannville commemorate railway officials of the turn of the century when agriculture, largely through the expanding services of the rail lines, was becoming well-established. The present era of industrial expansion also is leaving its mark on the place names of Alberta. Devon, the town that oil built, is probably the best example to date. Where, early in 1947 nothing but rolling fields met the eye, there now stands an ultra-modern town the building of which is an assertion of faith in Alberta as an industrial locale; particularly insofar as petroleum production is concerned.

A number of Alberta centres bear the names of former prominent citizens and even today we find new places being named after leading provincial figures. For instance Manning post office in northern Alberta was named after the Hon. E. C. Manning, premier of Alberta.

Many Albertans have commented on the fact that there is a definite paucity of Indian names in the province. This is true and the shortage has been attribted to the comparatively late period at which the Indians, particularly the Stonies, Crees and Blackfeet, pushed their way into the foothill country. These tribes were essentially prairie people and only retreated to the mountainous country as the advance of the white men made their customary way of living incompatible.

What Indian names the province does bear have in most cases been preserved in translation. Whether in the original tongue or in translation, however, they are found to refer to physical characteristics of the features named, to incidents of peace and war or to personal associations with a region. Athabasca is Cree for "the place of reeds" and Etzikom is Blackfoot for "valley." Battle River and Peace River mark localities where battles were fought and peace was made. Beaver Hills and Buffalo Lake commemorate where these animals were hunted and trapped.

We owe the principal Indian names to the early explorers. The Palliser, and later expeditions, preserved many that might otherwise have been forgotten.

Alberta has thousands of place names acquired during the past 200 years and at present many more places are being named each year. Today, places are being named after war heroes and other prominent figures. In most instances the Geographic Board of Alberta has jurisdiction over the naming of these places and it is likely that closer liaison with the Canadian Board on Geographical Names and the Post Office Department will, in future, prevent any discord such as arose when Castle Mountain was renamed Mount Eisenhower, without consulting the Alberta Board.

Hatchability of Eggs Averaging 70 Per Cent

Hatchability of total eggs set in approved hatcheries has averaged in the vicinity of 70 per cent in recent years.

As a breed, Barred Plymouth Rock are usually about average in respect to hatchability when compared with other breeds. Nutrition, incubation and methods of handling and storing the eggs all affect the percentage of fertile eggs which will hatch, and all are largely under the control of the flock owner and hatchery operator. The presence of lethal hereditary factors in some birds may be another cause of the failure of some eggs to hatch.

It is apparent that per cent fertility plays an important part in the percentage of total eggs which will hatch. About 90 per cent or more of all matching eggs produced are expected to be fertile, but low fertility in some flocks is a serious economic problem.

In searching for the cause of low fertility, nutrition of the flock during growth as well as at maturity should be examind to se if it is satisfactory for the development of vigorous birds. Good range conditions and proper housing facilities in the breeding pens are also conducive to high fertility.

At the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton, N.B., says Leonard Griesbach, fertility tests indicate that extremely early maturing males are likely to be small and should therefore be discarded. Only vigorous males which show good comb development and other well developed male characteristics when not more than six month of age, should be selected.

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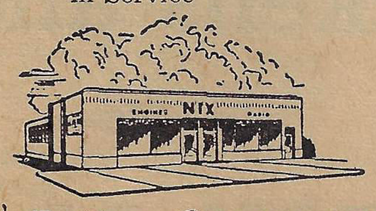

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Alberta Farm Business Survey

Information of value to the continuing development of agriculture on the prairies is contained in a survey of farm business in Central Alberta recently published by the Economics Division, Marketing Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Department of Political Economy, University of Alberta.

The survey, covering the fiscal year 1943-44, embraced a total of 318 farms in three districts in Central Alberta — Innisfail in the black soil zone, Drumheller and Gadsby in the dark brown soil zone.

Begun in June, 1944, the survey was part of larger enquiry into the economic and social problems associated with the utilization of the land in the Prairie Provinces which was initiated in 1935 with the passing of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act.

The western boundary of the region defined as the drought area for the operation of the PFRA Act cuts through Central Alberta. To gain comparative pictures of conditions affecting farm income within and without the drought area, the districts chosen for the survey were located on that western boundary, two within and one outside.

In the Innisfail district—the one outside—three-fifths of the farms were of the livestock type. In Drumheller more than three-fifths of the farms were grain type farms. In Gadsby about three-fifths were mixed grain and livestock, and one-fifth were grain, one-fifth were livestock type.

In size, the farms studied averaged 348 acres in Innisfail, with 64 per cent improved; 685 acres in Drumheller, 76 per cent improved; 586 acres in Gadsby, 56 per cent improved. The average value per improved acre was, respectively: $41, $36, $19.

Average capital of the 318 farms worked out to more than $18,000, made up of $11,000 in real estate, $3,000 in machinery and equipment, $2,300 in livestock, and the balance in seed, feed and other farm supplies. Grain farms carried the highest average investment, nearly $24,000.

The livestock type of farming in the Innisfail district, mainly hogs and dairying, was considered as semi-intensive when compared with the more extensive type of enterprise in the Gadsby district where beef cattle raising was more common. Hogs were the main class of livestock on the Drumheller mixed type farms, and during the year of the survey were common to the grain farms as well. Wheat occupied the largest acreage on the grain farms, oats on the mixed and livestock farms.

Averaged for all types studied, gross receipts from livestock and livestock products were about the same as from direct sales of grain. Labor earnings were nearly $1,100 per farm.

During the year of the survey, crop yields were only two-thirds of normal in the Innisfail district, approximately normal in Drumheller and considerably above normal in the Gadsby district.

As a result, the surplus earning above operating, capital maintenance and family cash living expenses averaged less for Innisfail farms than for farms in the other two districts. Only for the Innisfail livestock farms was the average surplus greater than that of the Gadsby farms. Drumheller grain farms had the largest surplus.

But the economists concluded that with the same farm organization as operated in 1943-44, based on long-time average yields, prices and costs, as large surplus earnings could be expected from a half-section farm in Innisfail as from a whole section farm in Gadsby. On average-sized farms, surplus earnings from Drumheller farms could be expected to range the highest.

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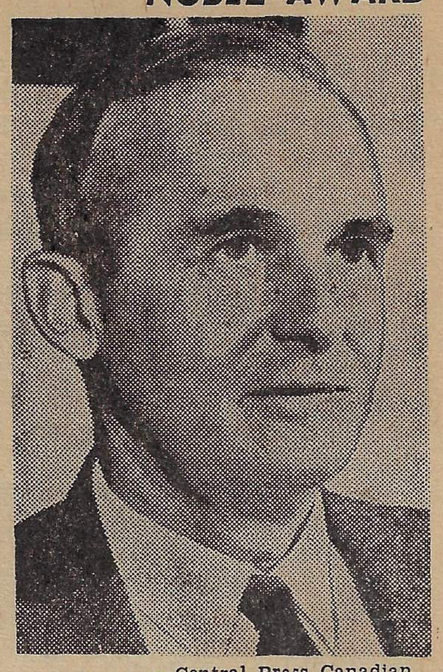

—Central Press Canadian

Canadian-born Dr. William F. Giauque, professor of chemistry at the University of California, has been awarded the 1949 Nobel prize for chemistry. He devotes all his spare time to his study of entropies. It is for his work in this highly specialized field that he won the prize. The entropy of a compound determines whether a chemical reaction can take place. His entropy calculation method is employed in chemical process designing and, and enables users to determine in advance if contemplated expensive projects will actually work. He's 54, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont.

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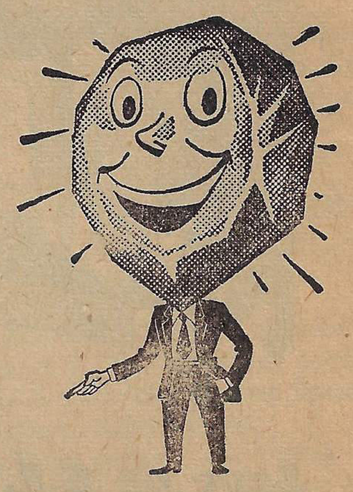

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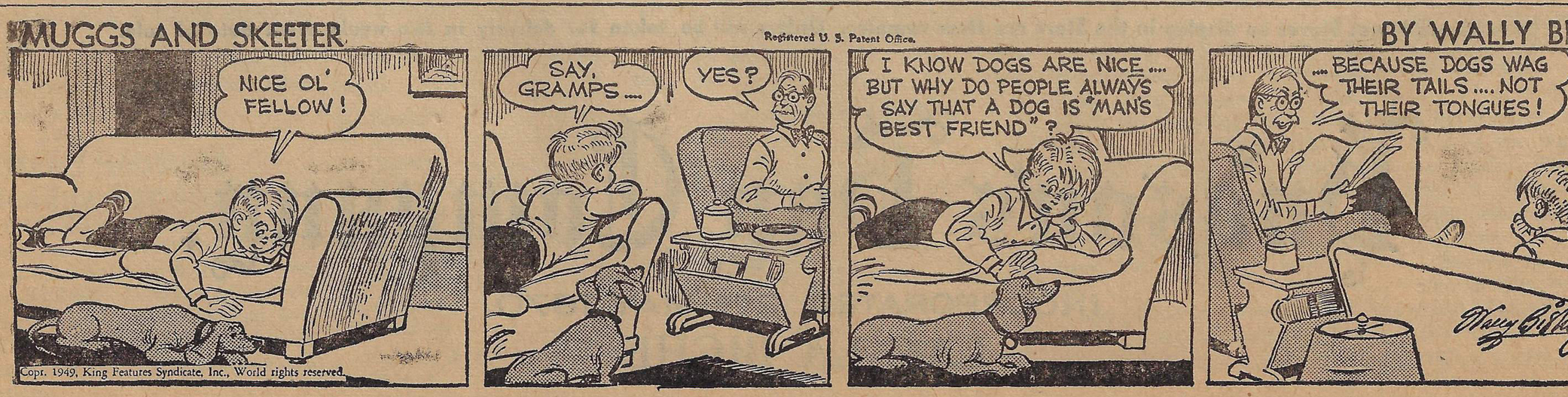
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W.I. Members Hold Banquet

LAC LA BICHE.—A good time was had by W.I. members and their guests at a banquet held in the Memorial hall on Dec. 1. Dinner featured chicken. The tables were tastefully decorated in the W.I. colors, blue and silver.

Dr. Cadzow acted as chairman. Mrs. Lett, president of the W.I., proposed the toast to the King. Mr. L. G. Hall proposed the toast to the Ladies, giving an interesting sketch of the work of various W.I. branches in the province of Alberta. Mrs. Gimby gave the response. Mr. H. Lobay also addressed the gathering briefly.

Everyone then joined heartily for a few songs led by Mrs. Gimby and enjoyed songs and imitations by Mrs. A. Brimsmead, Mr. Steeples and Mr. Gimby. Music for dancing was provided by Mr. and Mrs. M. Maccago and Mr. B. Stubbinfield.

FREEDOM NEWS

FREEDOM. — Bob Wright of Smoky Lake, the whole 225 pounds of him, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright. He made the rounds of visiting all his old girl friends (and there are dozens), also several of the younger matrons around here.

Hubert Anderson, Joe Smith and Clarence Mathews are trying their luck at shooting this week. No doubt trying to outdo themselves dodging the wolves in them thar hills.

The Nip and Tuck Club held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Anderson on Wednesday evening, with the girls planning a Christmas program for all the little kiddies in the district. It's for the grown-ups too and from the sould of it things are really shaping up. More news about it later on.

Miss Elvie Carlson, formerly of Freedom and more recently of Clyde, exchanged marriage vows with Enos (Corky) Corkum of Tiger Lily on Nov. 1, at Westlock. The entire district joins in wishing this young couple the best of everything.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Meyer motored to Edmonton while Grandma Meyer and Alva were baby sitting. Mr. Donnelly and Don also made a business trip to Edmonton.

Miss Jewel Meyers visited her mother who is working at Holmes Crossing.

Elsie and Wilmer Carlson from Clyde were seen around Freedom, visiting relatives and friends over the week-end.

VENICE NEWS

VENICE.—Mr. Henry Wood of Kiefers, B.C., was visiting at the home of his brother, Mr. A. H. Wood.

Mr. Nick Taschuk of Bellis was visiting at the home of Mr. John Krushelnicki.

Miss Bernice Bonifacio of Edmonton spent a week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bonifacio and Mr. Pio Banifacio have gone to Edmonton on business.

Mrs. Mike Biollo has gone to Lac la Biche hospital for medical treatment.

Mrs. Joe Michetti of Hylo is looking after her grandchildren while their mother is sick in hospital.

Mr. Philip Lafave is taking a few days rest after working all summer at Bon Accord.

Mr. Berto Macor was in Edmonton for medical treatment.

Mr. Alphonse Champagne and Mr. Bachand of Legal were visitors at the home of Mr. John Piquette.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Paul Vincent, and Mrs. Adolphe Gingras motored to Edmonton, Morinville, Vimy and Picardville to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Tony Torresan has gone visiting Mrs. Carron at Lac la Biche.

MISSION NEWS

LAC LA BICHE. — Mrs. V. J. Floberts went to Ste. Lina last week accompanied by Mrs. A. Routhier. She will visit her daughter Romana who is going to Ste. Lina convent to take her grade 9.

Germain Routheir and his brother Eugene left today for Mile 137. They will work in the bush for the winter.

George Cloutier is working for the Hogans Brothers. He is in the mink business. He carries a mink sample on his cap (a tail).

The International Refugee Organization has asked for an extension of time for its mandate.

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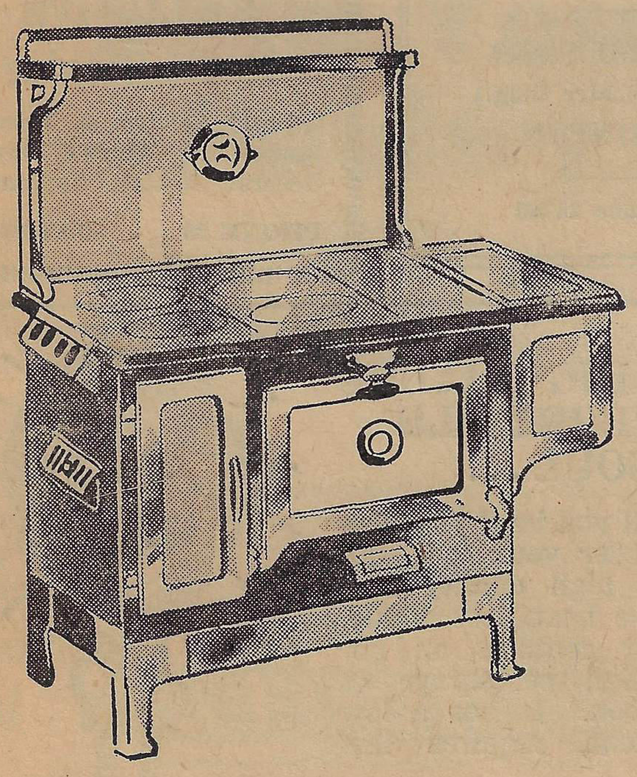

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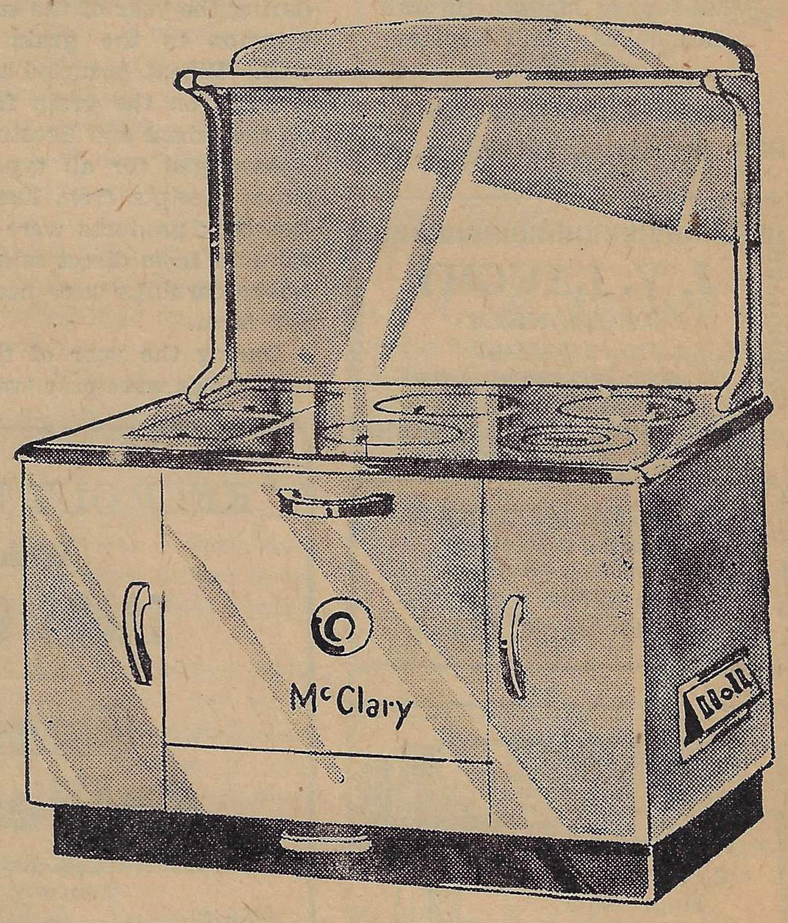

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